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SUPPLIES FOR RUSSIA HELD UP BY SWEDEN

Pending Modification of English Order Regulating Swedish Imports.

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 25.—The English-Swedish commission, which has for two months been striving to adjust the trade differences between the two countries, is no nearer a satisfactory solution of the dispute than at the beginning of its session. Meanwhile over twenty-five million dollars worth of supplies for Russia which she urgently needs, have accumulated in Sweden, owing to this country's refusal to allow the transit of goods to Russia until England has modified her demands regulating the amount of Sweden's imports.

Fresh Interest.
The resumption of the meetings of the commission after an adjournment which followed apparently fresh interest in the trade question which is for the moment the most widely discussed topic in Sweden. Hope is generally expressed that a compromise will be effected which will result in more friendly relations between England and Sweden. Few are pessimistic enough to believe that the misunderstanding will widen into a more serious breach between the two countries.

The two sharply conflicting points of view which were presented to a correspondent of the Associated Press by Swedish and English members of the commission do not, however, promise any immediate settlement of the dispute, nor do they contain enough in common to suggest the possibility of compromise. The English members of the commission argue that a large amount of supplies, many of which are directly connected with the maintenance of an army and the prolongation of the war, and transit through Sweden to Germany. They contend that a conspicuous increase in Swedish imports beyond her own needs is evidence that these supplies find a way to Germany and that a great many of them are articles which Germany particularly needs, notably meat, coffee, cocoa, cotton, copper and lubricants of various sorts. Being assured that these are destined for Germany, England claims the right to place such cargoes in the prize courts and is enforcing this right.

Cargoes Vouched For.
It is admitted that these cargoes are vouched for by Swedish merchants as having Swedish consignees as their ultimate destination but it is claimed that through intermediate steps in Sweden they find their way finally into Germany. It is also stated by the English members of the commission that the collusion of Swedish shippers with Germany has led to the deliberate surrender of ships and

cargoes to German vessels and that their capture was part of a prearranged plan. English commissioners admit the right of Sweden to continue the export of her own products to Germany and to import any quantity of goods that it may be reasonably supposed is for Swedish consumption, but argue that this amount should not exceed her normal imports. Calling attention to her increase in imports, the English commissioners ask Sweden to guarantee that supplies except for home manufactures will not be sent to Germany or in other words that there shall be no transit of supplies through Sweden to Germany.

The Swedish members of the commission reply that her export laws which are rigidly enforced by the government prohibit the sending of most articles to Germany and that exceptions are only made to this prohibitory list when she is forced into an exchange of supplies with Germany by a shortage of necessary articles in her country, caused in many cases by England's restriction of her imports. There are some articles such as aniline dyes, medical goods and certain kinds of machinery which Sweden can obtain from Germany and in order to get these necessary supplies she must extend to Germany special licenses contrary to her prohibitory regulations. But it is contended that these supplies which Germany obtains under these conditions are almost negligible. Swedish commissioners claim that she is justified in refusing to guarantee the stoppage of all transit to Germany, because as an independent nation, she has a right to trade with one country as well as another and that if England sees fit to hold up her imports, she will refuse to transmit supplies to Russia.

Special Licenses.
The issue which has caused a deadlock is the quantity of supplies sent to Germany under the special license country to Sweden's list of forbidden exports. The English members of the commission have called for exact figures showing the export to Germany, but such statistics it is claimed by the Swedish government, not not available. The English and Swedish members of the commission also disagree as to the usefulness to Germany for military purposes of such articles as copper which are on Sweden's free list. The English argue that whether the copper is one kind or another, it can be converted into copper for military use in Germany and that large quantities of copper, oil and cotton have found transit into Germany.

Although some of the selected statistics available in Sweden are misleading, they support the English contention that Swedish imports of the articles mentioned have in some cases been trebled since the beginning of the war. The declaration of cotton

WAR RUINS ANI CITY, POMPEII OF ARMENIA

Once a Famous, Splendid Capital, a City with "the 1,001 Churches."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—"Ani is a remarkable ruined Armenian city in the heart of the Caucasus plateau," begins a statement issued today by the National Geographic Society. "Its thick, crumbling walls and the ragged foundations of its ancient buildings, mayhap, have served, since the outbreak of the great war, as defenses for the Russian or Turkish soldiers. Its desolate, decaying outlines type the Caucasus, the country that has well and fairly earned the name of 'the land of fire and sword.' Ani is the Armenian Pompeii."

"The ruins lie in a rolling, parched upland country, almost deserted. They are near the Alexandropol-Birvan railway, a little more than thirty miles south of Alexandropol, and some thirty-five miles from the Russo-Ottoman boundary. There is a steep hill to the south and east of the storied capital of the old Armenian kingdom, and through a tortuous gorge beside the dead city flows the Arpa Chai, a weird, bright-green river. This is the site of the last great city of a free Armenian people."

"Ani was once a famous, splendid capital, the city with 1,001 churches, whose influence extended throughout the Caucasus and as far as England, in the West. All that remain of its population, are an aged Armenian monk, the director of excavations and the peasant host to stray antiquarians and other tourists to places out of the way, and a few Armenian peasants. Before the war, this population lived in peaceful isolation among the memorials of their nation's former greatness."

Home of the Monk.
"A visitors' book was kept by the monk and its early entries reach back many years. The home of the monk, headquarters and guest-house of the dead city, was a one-story, stone structure, near the cathedral. It contained one large, bare and rather dirty room devoted to the accommodation of occasional guests. Its four beds constituted it a bedroom; its benches made it into a dining room."

"The ancient capital was built upon a promontory, out by the Arpa Chai and a small tributary stream. Across the third side, its founders had cut a ditch, making their city-floor a raised platform, which gave it advantages for defense in the days before cannon could hurl their destruction from the neighboring heights. Ani was a strong fortress in its heyday and its powerful walls, with their many towers, are still standing, strung around the plain. The walls have largely decayed, however, through the centuries in which the city has lain quiet and unpeopled."

unbroken, a solitary, weather-torn edifice, a red and brown growth out of the red and brown plain.

"The history of the later years of the Armenian kingdom is bound up in the history of Ani. The stronghold became the capital of the Bagratid kings of Armenia in 961. The Byzantine emperor captured it in 1046, and it was then a hive of many scores of thousands, a wealthy city and an inviting one. The Saljuk Turks carried fire and sword throughout its confines eighteen years later; the warlike Georgians took it five times between 1125 and 1290; and Mongols overran it in 1239, and an earthquake in 1319 completed the work of ruin. The great cathedral, the most perfect survival, was founded in 1010, just at the beginning of the city's long chain of misfortunes."

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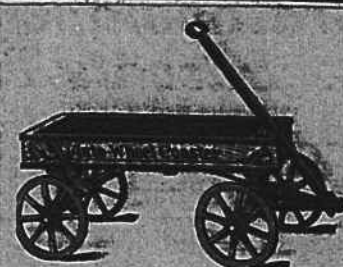
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